ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Shelby Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Bethel Church, Shelby County Ala.

AUGUST 28 AND 29, 1900.

OFFICERS:

R. H. PRATT, Moderator, Six Mile, Ala.
C. W. O'HARA, Clerk, Columbiana, Ala.

The next Session of the Association will be held with Free Spring Church, Three Miles East of British, on the Southern Railroad, Chilton County, Ala., Commencing on Tuesday, before the First Sunday in September, 1901.

Advocate Print, Columbiana, Alabama.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Read Letters from Churches.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
6. Invite Churches to Join the Association.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Finance, Nominations.
8. Fill vacancies on Standing Committees.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Return of Correspondence.
11. Miscellaneous Business.

SECOND DAY.

12. Devotional Exercises.
13. Read Minutes of First Day and Call the Roll.
14. Report on Family Religion.
15. Report on Orphan's Home.
16. Report on Education.
17. Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions.
18. Missionary Sermon at 11 A. M.
19. Report on Ministerial Education.
20. Report on Periodicals.

THIRD DAY.

21. Devotional Exercises.
22. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
23. Report on Temperance.
24. Report on Sabbath Schools.
25. Report on Institute Work.
26. Report on Nominations.
27. Report on Finance.
28. Treasurer's Report.
29. Appoint Standing Committees.
30. Order Clerk's Salary paid, and 500 Copies Minutes printed.
31. Miscellaneous Business.
32. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Shelby Association met with Bethel church on August 28, 1900. The Moderator read the 34th Psalms. After a prayer service, the letters from the churches were read by J. F. Averyt and G. S. Anderson, and the names of the messengers enrolled, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Brierfield—Rev. I. Windsor and D. R. Jackson.
Bethlehem—Not represented.
Cahaba Valley—Letter and funds.
Calera—C. W. Wade.
Dogwood Grove—Henry Davidson and J. J. Lucus.
Enon—Burton Lucus, P. L. Lucus and J. T. Self.
Free Springs—C. V. Brown and J. W. Prim.
Helena—Not represented.
Longview—Not represented.
Montevallo—Rev. N. S. Jones and S A. Latham.
Mars Hill—James Campbell and Samuel Spivy.
Macedonia—Not represented.
Six Mile—R. H. Pratt and Wm. Trucks.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethesda—C. M. Williams, C. C. Seale, Wm. Spearman, and Frank Lyon.
Bethel—J. H. Mooney. L. J. Carden, W. A. Lyon and Amos Acker.
Columbiana—E. B. Teague and C. W. O'Hara.
Center Hill—Not represented.
Florence—J. M. Crenshaw.
Kingdom—G. M. Lowry, Daniel Whitfield and J. C. Mooney.
Liberty—A. F. Carden, J. M. Wilder and R. Eubank.
Mt. Calvary—J. W. Stone.
New Prospect, No. 1—C. M. L. Fancher and G. M. Mooney.

New Hopewell—James Collier.
Pilgrims Rest—J. W. Thomas and A. J. Whitfield.
Rocky Ridge—Wm. Davis, Amos Davis and C. B. Davis.
Summer Hill---T. M. Nelson, W. E. Price and W. D. Beardan.
Shelby---J. F. Averyt.

On motion of Dr. E. B. Teague permanent organization was effected by electing R. H. Pratt, Moderator, and C. W. O'Hara, Clerk, by acclamation. Rev. J. W. Stewart addressed the Association in the interest of the Orphan's Home, after which a collection for same was taken. (See Financial Exhibition.)

Rev. N. S. Jones preached the Introductory Sermon from Acts 1 and 8th verse.

Adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. Prayer was offered by J. M. Crensbaw.

Invited visiting brethren to seats. Rev. G. S. Anderson was recognized as the representative of the Institute Board. Rev. J. W. Stewart as representative of the Orphan's Home and J. A. Howard as representative of the Alabama Baptist.

Invited churches to join the Association. A petitionary letter was presented by R. R. Brasher as a messenger from New Prospect church. The church being found orthodox was received. The Moderator extending the hand of fellowship to the messenger.

Appointed committees:

On Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Bethel church.
On Finance—S. A. Latham, A. F. Carden and D. R. Jackson.
On Nominations—J. M. Crenshaw, D. R Jackson and Wm. Trucks.

Filled vacancies on standing committees:

On Education—F. Mynatt.
On Ministerial Education—G. E. Mize.
On Aged and Infirm Ministers—T. M. Nelson.
On Home Missions—I. Windsor.
On Temperance—J. M. Crenshaw.
On Sunday Schools—A. J. Preston.
On Institute Work—T. M. Nelson.

Adopted the order of business of the last session for the present session.

Called for correspondence:

Received from the Montgomery Association, A. J. Preston; from the Cahaba, G. E. Mize; from the Mud Creek, J. D. Martin.

Returned correspondence:

On motion, authorized any member of this Association to represent us at any Sister Association.

Fixed the time of meeting at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., convene at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at 4:30 p. m.

The following report was made by the Executive Committee:

Inasmuch as the State Board of Missions suggests that the Shelby Association raise $600 for missions.

We, your committe suggest that the churches endeavor to raise the following amounts for Missions and Institute Work:

Brierfield	$ 10 00	Mt. Calvary	$ 10 00
Bethel	10 00	Mars Hill	5 00
Bethesda	10 00	Montevallo	150 00
Cahaba Valley	10 00	Macedonia	5 00
Columbiana	100 00	New Prospect No. 1	5 00
Center Hill	5 00	New Hopewell	5 00
Calera	20 00	New Antioch	5 00
Dogwood Grove	10 00	Pilgrim's Rest	5 00
Enon	10 00	Rocky Ridge	5 00
Florence	5 00	Six Mile	20 00
Free Springs	10 00	Summer Hill	10 00
Kingdom	10 00	Shelby	80 00
Liberty	10 00		
		Total	$525 00

Committee on Preaching report that Rev. G. S. Anderson would preach at night. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. Windsor.

Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29TH.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. R. Jackson.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The report on Family Religion was read and discussed by Rev I. Windsor, and adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

We, your Commtttee on Family Religion, are sorry to report that Christ is not lifted up in the homes of our people as He should be,

hence the spirit of revelly in the minds of the young people and the carelessness of the older ones in the interest of the church.

If we were to have Jesus abide in our homes, our hearts would be overflowing with love for God and humanity; therefore it would be an easy matter to get money to relieve the poor and for the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We recommend that the pastors throughout this Association stir up the minds of the people on this vital question.

Respectfully,

I. WINDSOR, Chairman.

The reports on Education, Ministerial Education and Institute Work were read and discussed jointly by E. B. Teague and G. S. Anderson. At this juncture the following pledges were made for Institute Work:

Brierfield	$5 00	Mt. Calvary	2 00
Bethel	5 00	New Prospect	1 00
Calera	5 00	Six Mile	2 50
Dogwood	5 00	Shelby	5 00
Enon	2 50	Columbiana 10 per cent. of all col-	
Kingdom	2 50	lections.	

These reports were laid on the table until after the preaching of the Missionary sermon.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read.

The Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Preston, from Hebrew 1:14 15 16, after which a collection was taken, which was divided equally between State, Home and Foreign Missions and Institute. (See Financial Exhibit)

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. After prayer the discussion on Education, Ministerial Education and Institute work was resumed, and participated in by G. E. Mize, C. W. O'Hara and Dr. E. B. Teague, and the reports adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It has been said that the stability of any government depends upon the intelligence of its citizenship; and by an intelligent citizenship, it means one that has something more than mere mental culture. It means one that has physical and moral culture as well, and one that appreciates the exalted priviliges of republican form of government.

Man's environments largely influence his life. If they are whole-

some. they inspire him with hope and open up to him the splendid possibilities of his existence. It is frequently the case that a person has no desire for a certain thing, until he sees his neighbor possssing that thing; and then the very fact that his neighbor does possess it, stimulates him to seek after the same thing. And what is true of ordinary things is also true of education. Establish a good school in a community, with an intelligent man at its head, and you furnish inspiration to every man and woman, every boy and girl. But the school simply furnishes the foundation. No one person can make it a success, it requires the united support of every one.

Bishop Vincent says: "That is indeed an ideal community where the best men and women, church pastors and Sunday school leaders are a unit in the appreciation and service of the public school. In the public school a majority of our children will get all the training they will ever have, and how important then, that we make our public school the very best school possible! To do this, we must employ not only educated, but Christian men and women to instruct the young.

Brethren of this association, those of you who are parents, make yourself felt by giving the teachers your hearty sympathy and co-operations, and the public schools of our land will furnish men and women who will serve their country faithfully, bless humanity, and honor God. If your son, after having completed the common school course wants to finish his education, send him to Howard College, if it be your daughter, send her to the Judson. At these institutions they will have every advantage necessary to fit them for a life of usefulness. We heartily commend these idstitutions to you and urge you to give them your full support.

Respectfully submitted.

F. Mynatt, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

It is a divine requirement that the Gospel shall be committed to faithful men, "who shall be able to teach others also." When Paul recognized or saw the gift of Timothy to preach the Gospel, he said to him, "Stir up the gift of God which is in thee."

As the soil of the earth is stired up or cultivated and thereby made to bring forth fruit, some 30, some 60 and some an hundred fold, so it is with the man, who is called of God to preach the Gospel by his education, the shade of nature or the darkness of ignorance is removed, and through the furrows of his mind the seeds of divine truth fall into his heart which is warmed by the "Sun of Righteousness" and the man is "able to teach orthers also."

God created the steel, but man can sharpen it. "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend," Prov. 27:17. In the devices of mischief, the tongue is made keen as a sharp razor,

working deceitfully, Ps. 52:2. Who then would dare to argue illiteracy for the preacher of the glorious Gospel of the Son of God

The Baptists of Alabama are educating their young preachers in Howard College. We are collecting from our churches funds for Ministerial Education. I submit to the Shelby Association the following plan for Ministerial Education and this to become the system of every Association in the State:

"Instead of raising funds for Ministerial Education, you raise funds for associational missions and use such funds to employ a young preacher from Howard College to do mission work during the summer in this Association. And I recommend to you brother H. R. Arnold, of Six Mile, and D. R. Jackson as the young men to be employed next summer for half the time each. The time of service is to be three months. The amount to be paid for their services is one hundred dollars."

Let us look at some of the advantages of this system over the old plan. By this plan the Association will receive the benefit of the missionary work done by the beneficiary in the Association. The young preacher will be kept in the ministry and will be allowed to work his way through school. His duty will be to organize Sunday-schools and work up the destitution in general. There will be placed in his hands copies of our periodicals that he will leave in the homes of the people who do not read them.

Respectfully submitted.

G. E. Mize.

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

We regard the Institute Work to be one of the greatest works of our denomination. It reaches the unhelped ministry on the various fields, and through them reaches the churches. It is calculated to better organize the preachers and thereby bring about a greater power in the ministry. Wherever Institutes are held it helps the membership of the churches to better understand the Scriptures and the preaching of the Gospel. We regard the work done by brethren, G. S. Anderson and David as a God-given work, and recommend that it be supported by liberal contributions from the churches

Respectfully submitted.

T. M. Nelson, Chairman.

On motion the order of business was waived, and the report on Periodical was read and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals, in making its report, beg leave to say that too great emphasis cannot be placed upon this subject. The

reading matter which finds its way into the homes of our people, is a very potent factor in fashioning and developing charaeter.

Examine the literature of the home and you have the index to the enlightenment and progress of that home.

Therefore, it behooves every man, and especially every Christian to exercise the utmost care in determining what shall go into his home as reading matter.

Feed men's minds on wholesome food and you make them stronger, better and happier.

To the end then that we may gladden our homes and furnish them food for thought, allow your committee to suggest that the Alabama Baptist have a place. Through it we are kept in touch with our denominational work of the State—we get inspiration from seeing what others are doing, and we find out what we ought to do.

The Baptist Standard and the Western Recorder are excellent papers also, some of the ablest men of the Baptist denomination contribute articles to them every week, which renders them very valuable aid in almost all kinds of church work.

The home with these or similar papers in it, is well supplied with wholesome reading matter.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Mynatt, Chairman.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were discussed by I. Windsor. Rev. W. B. Crumpton addressed the Association on the subject of missions, after which the reports were adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSION.

The State Mission Board has done good work the past year. Has gone into the destitute places of the State, preaching the word of God, building houses of worship, strengthening weak churches here and there, by supplementing their pastors salary. Brother Crumpton is active and progressive, and inspires those under him to greater activity, and they have done and will do great things for Alabama, if the churches that are organized and are able to give to State Missions will do their duty. The demands made upon State Mission work each year is greater as the foreigners, and immigrants comes amongst us. A large proportion of these people know not the way of the Lord, and if left to themselves, will be a menace to the people of God. We must meet this demand, and enable the State Mission Board by our contributions regularly coming from each church, to have the truth preached in its purity and power. May the day soon come when God's people shall realize that helping others to believe on Christ is mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Averyt, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that during the year 671 missionaries have been employed, against 653 last year. Baptisms this year, 5,596 against 6,552 last year.

They have organized 693 Sunday schools, with 24,675 teachers and pupils this year, against 512 schools, with 14,768 teachers and pupils last year.

During the past year the Board has aided in supporting sixty six missionaries in Indian Territory; forty-eight in Oklahoma Territory, one hundred and seventy-one in Texas The Board has spent in this work during the past year as follows: In Indian Territory, in cash $4,748.20; in boxes $6,392.52. In Oklahoma Territory, in cash $2,843.66; in boxes $7 768 88. In Texas in cash, $6,780.30; in boxes, $8,668.00.

The total amount of cash received during the year for the regular work of the Board has been $75,366.68 In addition to this the Board has received a special annuity gift of $4,000, which makes the actual amount of cash received $79,366.68. All of the States, except one, show an increase in cash contributions over last year.

Much good has been done in this work; but God requires more every year in this great field. People are coming to our land from most all countries of the world, and we must meet them with God's word and Christianize them or they will foreignize our children. Let's hold what we have and gain all we can.

Respectfully submitted,

I. Windsor, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There is no department of our work that appeals to us more strongly, or has been more largely blessed of God, than our foreign mission work. Christ himself was our first great missionary, sent from the Father to save, or at least make a way for the salvation of the world. Before leaving the world He gave that greatest of all commissions; "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, and Lo I am with you all the way." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." They went forth and preached everywhere. From the day of Christ to the present time, the spirit of missions has thrilled the hearts and minds of the civilized world. Modern protestant missions may be said to have begun with the work of William Cary, a Baptist shoemaker, who caught the spirit while working at his bench, and reading the New Testament

In 1794, Cary went to India as a foreign missionary, and founded a Baptist mission in Sarampore. From that time until the present day, the foreign work has been widening, until to day there are few places that have not been reached by the gospel. The recent troubles in China have caused much discussion and anxiety about the work

there, but we must remember that "God works in mysterious ways," and we have faith in Him, that He is going to more thoroughly and effectually open up this great country for the Gospel, than it has ever been before. The Sun of Righteousness is blazing upon China to-day as it never has, and this great empire, of more than four hundred million of people, will soon see her false religion die. China for Christ; Africa for Christ; the world for Christ. "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." The missionary spirit is so strongly entrenched behind the sacred Scripture, that it cannot be successfully attacked till a thousand declarations of the Bible are obliterated. The man who does not believe in foreign missions certainly does not understand the spirit and mission of Christ, for He says "the world is the field." The harvest truly is great, and the reaping has been great, but still the fields are white.

Our workers have pressed forward in faith and hope, harmony and zeal, and their labors have been largely blessed. Last year we reported 845 baptisms, the largest number in the history of our work. This year we report 1,341. Thus it is shown while we resolved to increase the work 25 per cent., the Lord honored our purpose of heart, and gave us an increase of over 50 per cent. on the foreign field. To get an idea of the wonderful blessings of recent years, let us remember that for over fifty years previous to 1896, we had in foreign lands a living membership of 3,801; in the last three years there have been added by baptism 2,887. We now have in foreign countries, including China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan 113 churches; 94 missionaries; 29 ordained native helpers; 104 unordained native helpers, and a membership of 6,537.

The Board reported no debt at the last convention, having raised $140,102.30 for the work. Our fathers worked in faith, and laid a good foundation, and we are building thereon. May our energy and zeal know no bounds till the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. Jones, Chairman.

The committee on Orphan's Home failing to report, the Clerk was requested to prepare a report, which is as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

Our Orphan's Home was opened March 8th, 1893; two days latter first children were received into it. 136 children have found shelter in the Home. They came from 30 counties as follows: Autauga 2; Barbour 8; Bibb 2; Bullock 1; Butler 3; Chambers 4; Conecuh 2; Covington 8; Dallas 4; Elmore 4; Escambia 11; Hale 3; Henry 4; Jack-

son 1; Jefferson 15; Lamar 1; Lee 10; Limestone 1; Marengo 4; Mobile 2; Monroe 4; Montgomery 8; Morgan 3; Pike 2; Russell 4; Tallapoosa 2; Talladega 10; Tuscaloosa 9; Walker 6. Of these, two boys and four girls have died, two boys have been apprenticed, two boys and one girl have been irregularly discharged; thirteen boys and eighteen girls have been returned to their people, and fifteen boys and fourteen girls have been adopted, leaving in the Home at present 29 boys and 36 girls. The property is worth about $10,000.00.

C. W. O'Hara, Clerk.

The Report on Sunday-school was read and discussed by G. E. Mize and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren, there are in Alabama, 78 associations, 1,766 churches, 128,156 members, 775 Sunday-schools with 40,783 scholars. Thus you see that more than half of our churches have no Sabbath-school. At least 80 per cent. of our church members take no interest in the Sabbath-school. Not one in every five of our church members attend Sunday-school. These facts are appauling, but they are true. Why this want of interest? We mention one or two factors that work evil to our schools. 1. A lack of wise directorship. In most churches where a school is run, the pastor and the leading members leave it to run itself. Whereas, it should be under the special direction of the church and under the personal supervision of the pastor. 2. Woeful ignorance of the needs and requirements of the Sunday-school on the part of pastors and church members generally. 3. In efficient teachers. There is a mighty dearth of real teachers. The great problem which confronts us to-day, is how to awaken a deeper interest in our Sunday-school work. We venture a few suggestions. 1. Let our pastors depend less on appealing to the emotions of their hearers and give more attention to teaching and having God's word taught to the people. 2. Let us follow the example of Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Carolina and New Hampshire, and organize a State Sunday-school convention. Let a convention be organized in every Association, and then a general State convention. 3. Let us send out a general Sunday-school Missionary, whose duty it shall be to look after the Sunday-school interest in every section of the State.

Your committee would recommend to all the churches the periodicals published by our Sunday-school Board at Nashville. These periodicals are to be commended for the emphasis put upon the missionary enterprises of our Southern Convention, as well as fastening the Spirit of World wide evangelization.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee.

The Report on Temperance was read and discussed by J. M. Crenshaw and G. E. Mize and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee beg leave to report:

That we can say with pleasure that we do not think the sale of intoxicating liquors has increased any for the past year. Yet we view the liquor trafic as being the giant evil that confronts us as a nation to-day. We believe that temperance is growing each year, and that the most powerful instrumentality that could be brought to bear, to suppress and overcome it would be for church members to abstain from the use of intoxicants and thereby set an example for young men and boys. Thus only can they exhibit the fact that they are a peculiar people in this respect as well as in others.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. Crenshaw.

The Report on Finance was read and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance report as follows:

For State Missions	$5 20
For Home Missions	4 58
For Foreign Missions	5 08
For Orphan's Home	9 45
For Aged and Infirm Ministers	1 50
For Institute Work	2 05
For Minutes	29 82
For Associational Purposes	12 96
Total	70 67

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Carden, Chairman.

The Treasurer's Report was read and abopted:

C. W. O'Hara, Treasurer, in account with Shelby Association:

RECEIPTS.

Aug. 31, 1899,	To balance on hand	$ 82	50
Sep. 11,	" " amt. from Florence Ch., Minutes	1	00
" 13,	" " " " Montevallo Ch (Min. Ed.)	2	00
" 21,	" " " " Columbiana " " "	10	00
Oct. 1,	" " " " Liberty " " "	2	00
" 14,	" " " " Columbiana " (In. Min.)	1	77
" 20,	" " " " " " " "	1	50
Nov. 18,	" " " " Kingdom Ch. (Min. Ed.)	1	00
Mch. 24, 1900,	" " " Columbiana Ch. (In. Min.)	3	00
July 8,	" " " " " " " "	1	39
	Total	$106	16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Aug. 31, 1899,	By amt. paid State Mission Board	$ 10	50
" " " " " "	Home " "	2	00
" " " " " "	D. R. Jackson, Min. Student	10	00
Sept. 4,	" " " " Orphans' Home	9	51
" 8,	" " " " W. W. Armstrong, Ind. Min	2	89
" 12,	" " " " D. R. Jackson, Min. Student	12	00
" 30,	" " " " for Minutes	25	00
Oct. 19,	" " " " W. W. Armstrong, Ind. Min	1	77
Dec. 20,	" " " " " " " "	1	50
July 3, 1900,	By " " D. R. Jackson, Min. Student	3	00
Mch. 26,	" " " " W. W. Armstrong, Ind. Min	3	00
July 8,	" " " " " " " "	1	39
	" " " Clerk's Salary	20	00
	" " " Association Letters		40
	" " " Postage and Exchange	1	93
	" " " Cash on hand	1	27
	Total	$106	16

FOR THE YEAR 1900–1901.

To amount received from Finance Committee	$70 67
Amount of cash on hand	1 27
Total	$71 94

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. O'HARA, Treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Executive Committee—C. W. O'Hara, G. M. Lowery, T. M. Nelson, J. F. Averyt. To preach Introductory Sermon at next session—G. M. Lowery. Missionary sermon—I. Windsor. Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—N. S. Jones. Alternate—H. C. Reynolds. Delegates to State Convention—S. A. Latham, N. S. Jones, R. H. Pratt, C. W. O'Hara, J. M. Crenshaw, G. M. Lowery, T. M. Nelson, J. E. Adams, J. T. McMillan and J. F. Averyt.

The next session of the Association to be held with Free Springs church, three miles east of British, commencing on Tuesday before the First Sunday in September, 1901.

J. M. CRENSHAW, Chairman.

Appointed standing committees to report at the next session of the Association, as follows:

On Family Religion—Daniel Whitfield, John Hill and George Crumpton.

On Education—F. H. Farrington, W. C. Pratt and M. A. Owen.

On Ministerial Education—J. L. Peters, R. Z. Hill and Alphonzo Verchot.

On Periodicals—M. E. Langston, Wm. Trucks and H. C. Owen.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—C. C. Seale, J. H. Mooney and L. J. Carden.

On State Missions—N. S. Jones, Henry Latham and Henry Fancher.

On Home Missions—Wm. Lyman, John Fancher and J. D. Farrington.

On Temperance—J. B. Kilpatrick, J. E. Farrington and Frank Crow.

On Sunday Schools—F. Mynatt, J. S. Falkner and Geo. Bird.

On Orphan's Home—G. M. Lowery, Abram Mooney and W. A. Lyon.

On Institute Work—T. M. Nelson, W. E. Price and Geo. Stone.

Ordered that the Clerk have 500 copies of the Minutes printed and that he receive $20 for his services.

Resolved, That we tender Bethel Church and community our gratitude for their hospitality during the session. Association adjourned.

R. H. PRATT, MODERATOR.

C. W. O'HARA, CLERK.

NOTE.—The Chronicle having changed hands soon after the manuscript was placed, necessitatad the removal of the manuscript to THE ADVOCATE office—therefore the delay.

C. W. O'HARA.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. Smitherman	Brierfield
Isaac Windsor	Brierfield
N. S. Jones	Montevallo
J. G. Thornton	Montevallo
N. T. Lucas	Montevallo
N. J. Jarvis	Dogwood
G. M. Lowery	Wilsonville
W. W. Armstrong	Wilsonville
E. B. Teague	Redlawn
J. C. Lyon	Redlawn
C. W. O'Hara	Columbiana
G. W. Crumpton	Columbiana
B. C. Hughes	Weldon
T. M. Nelson	Shelby Springs
D. W. Whitfield	Columbiana

LICENTIATES.

W. M Kirbo	Furnace
James Davis	Columbiana
I. J. Davis	Columbiana
J. M. Whitfield	Columbiana
T. J. Cabaniss	Lewis
Henry Fancher	Montevallo

Statistics of Shelby Association, 1900.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Membership last	INCREASE BY			DECREASE BY				Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports prayer meetings.
						Letter.	Restoration.		Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE.		
†Bethlehem	Shelby												16					
Brierfield	Bibb	S. Smitherman	Charles Day	Brierfield			4						50			Joseph Gore, Brierfield	3	W
Bethesda	Shelby	J. D. Martin	C. C. Scale	Wilsonville		16	10	2	6	5			109				3	
Bethel	"	G. M. Lowry	Amos A. Acker	Columbiana		4	1		6				33	7	69	R. L. Hill, Columbiana	2	
Cahaba Valley	Bibb	R. H. Long	E. B. McGuire	Six Mile		1			11			2	119	7	50	Curtis Criger, Six Mile	4	
Columbiana	Shelby	A. E. Burns	F. Mynatt	Columbiana		13	3		7		1		81	9	55	F. Mynatt, Columbiana	3	W
†Center Hill	"												38					
Calera	"	W. W. Lee	J. T. McMillan	Calera		1			3				35	7	29	Phillip Nye, Calera	1	
Dogwood Grove	"	J. D. Martin	R. E. Woolly	Dogwood	1	6			10			1	125	7	50	R. E. Woolly, Dogwood	2	
Enan	"	N. T. Lucus	Burton Lucus	Montevallo		4		2					51				1	
Florence	"		J. M. Crenshaw	Lewis					7				41				3	
Free Springs	Chilton	I. Windsor	W. L. Brown	Brierfield		10	1		3	1			56	6	30	W. L. Brown, Brierfield	3	
†Helena	Shelby												48					
Kingdom	"	T. M. Nelson	J. F. Hill	Wilsonville		7	6	2	5	2		1	92				1	
†Longview	"												42					
Liberty	"	R. A. Kidd	A. F. Carden	Weldon	1	5				1		1	154	10	144	I. E. Adams, Weldon	1	
Mt. Calvary	"	T. M. Nelson	J. S. Harper	Coalville		9			1	3		1	45			G. W. Stone, Calvary	2	
Montevallo	"	N. S. Jones	C. L. Merony	Montevallo	1	21			2			2	131	12	109	William Lyman	1 2 3 4	
Mars Hill	Jefferson	James Champion	O. P. Scott	Parkwood		11		1	14	2			49	4	40	W. J. Nunnally, Helena	2	
Macedonia	Shelby												49					
New Prospect, No. 1	"	G. M. Lowry	W. C. Carden	Weldon					1			1	47	5	15	S. P. Fancher, Weldon	4	
‡New Prospect, No. 2	"	J. E. Champion	E. L. Barber	Shelby			1					1	12	5	32	E. L. Barber, Shelby	1	
New Hopewell	"	James Davis	James Collier	Shelby Springs					12	2			36				3	
New Antioch	"				1								100					
Pilgrim's Rest	"	D. W. Whitfield	H. K. Thomas	Lynch			3						29				3	
Rocky Ridge	"	Geo. Crumpton	W. M. Davis	Columbiana			2	1	4	2		1	55				4	
Six Mile	Bibb	R. H. Long	M. G. Langston	Six Mile			4		8			1	80	6	30	W. M. Hays, Six Mile	1	
Summer Hill	Shelby	T. M. Nelson	L. Q. Gould	Columbiana			2		2	1		1	58	7	50	J. C. Reinhardt, Shelby Springs	4	
Shelby	"	James Hogan	W. R. Craig	Shelby			8		1			1	59	7	75	J. F. Averyt, Shelby	2	
					18	103	75	8	105	19	1	14	1849	99	778			

†Previous total given of churches not represented.
‡Constituted September 5, 1899.
NOTE—There are discrepancies in the reports "No. last reported," therefore out of balance with the aggregate.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

Financial Exhibit of Shelby Association for Year 1900.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.						EDUCATION.			Orphan's Home.	Minutes.	HOME EXPENSES.			TOTAL.	VALUE OF PROPERTY.
	State.	Home.	For'gn	Ch'rch Buildings.	Bible and Colp'e	M	erial.	Indigent Ministers.	Institute Work.			Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Buildings.	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools Etc.		
	Cash and Voucher.	Cash and Voucher.	Cash and Voucher.	Cash and Voucher.	Cash and Voucher.			Cash and Voucher.	Cash and Voucher.	Cash and Voucher.						
¶Bethlehem											$ 1 50					
Brierfield		$ 53	$ 53		$ 1 50			$ 1 50		$ 12 00	3 00	$ 42 60		$ 18 00	$ 19 50	$ 1,000 00
Bethesda											1 50	75 00			61 06	400 00
Bethel	2 50	5 00	2 50								1 50	75 00			86 50	500 00
Cahaba Valley										2 10	2 50	25 90		5 50	36 00	400 00
Columbiana	19 71	18 48	17 48	*10 00	14 27	$	21 78	7 66	$ 7 66	16 59	2 50	200 00	2 35	110 67	$449 15	1,200 00
¶Center Hill																75 00
Calera	1 50	18 15	2 00							10 50	1 50	118 00	†245 50	12 15	409 30	1,500 00
Dogwood Grove	6 15									‡4 50	2 20	61 25	250 00		323 10	300 00
Enan											1 50				1 50	250 00
Florence											50				50	
Free Springs										2 75	2 56	26 07		6 00	37 38	800 00
¶Helena																800 00
Kingdom		5 00					2 00				2 15	82 50			91 65	600 00
¶Longview																575 00
Liberty	50	50	60				2 00				2 00	75 00			80 60	300 00
Mt. Calvary	5 75										1 50	50 00			57 25	250 00
Montevallo	47 76	9 30	7 77	*10 22			27 00			27 72	3 00	517 70	73 87	148 13	‖873 07	4,965 00
Mars Hill	60	50	50								1 25	40 00		2 25	45 10	200 00
¶Macedonia																150 00
New Prospect, No. 1											1 35				1 35	200 00
New Prospect, No. 2											1 75		35 00	2 15	38 90	125 00
New Hopewell											1 50	15 00			16 50	100 00
¶New Antioch																
Pilgrim's Rest											1 00				1 00	
Rocky Ridge								1 20			1 35					200 00
Six Mile	1 08	2 80					4 05				2 65	100 00		8 00	117 58	800 00
Summer Hill	90	0							1 30		1 50	45 00		2 34	51 84	200 00
Shelby	18 50	6	5 60	*7 55			8 00			10 00	2 50	100 00	41 00	75 45	271 50	1,000 00
Collections at Association	2 05	2	2 05						2 05	7 38					15 58	
	$ 107 00	$ 69 71	$ 38 43	$ 17 77	$ 15 77	$	64 83	$ 10 36	$ 11 01	$ 92 54	$42 76	$ 1,573 42	$ 647 72	$ 372 64	$ 3,067 91	$16,890 00

¶Not represented. *Not at home. ‡Raised by Sunday School. †Raised by Ladies' Aid Society.
‖Of this amount Ladies' Aid Society contributed $35.17; Sunday School, $62.76; Beams, $9.00. $Of this amount Ladies' Aid Society contributed $34.40; Sun Beams, $10.40.